Lack of connectivity to places of tourism

1457. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem relating to the lack. of connectivity of the various States and the places of tourist interest in the country have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details of States/places of tourist interest which are not having proper connectivity; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to redress this problem and to improve the tourism of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has taken up the issue of improvement of road connectivity to the major tourist sites including the World Heritage Sites, Buddhist Sites and other important tourist destinations with Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways to improve the connectivity. The Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways has responded favourably.

Ropeway for Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh

†1458. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Buddhist Monastery at the famous Buddhist tourist place Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh is the second largest Buddhist Monastery in Asia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that foundation stone for making a ropeway of about 1.5 km long was laid on October, 2002 to connect the said monastery with Ani Gompa and to facilitate the tourists;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken for the construction of the same so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.